

Leather Belts in Paris



Paris loves the pulled-in waist line. While she has held bravely and long to the high-waisted skirt on many of her gowns, and, indeed, with an ardor not known in America, she has grasped the opportunity with the very first gown that admitted of it, to put on a leather belt, and a close one at that.

She has worn this belt during the summer with some of the foulard and lingerie gowns and with the best of her linen morning frocks. She has strained a point to wear it with dresses that were scarcely built for it. In this particular fashion period through which we are passing, the belt is frequently impossible with the half-fitted princess of the moyen age, except it be the loose leather belt of the silken girdle run through slots opened beside the princess panels. The pulling in of a closely fitted princess is about as awkward as anything that could well be imagined, but the Parisian woman, who always finds her opportunity, has worn a shaped leather belt successfully with a model like the white pique shown in

the picture. The cut of this dress, although including the long hip and suggesting the wattleau plait from yoke to belt, is such that it admits of a decided waist line. This shaped belt of shiny leather is made of three pieces, which fit it about the figure very snugly.

The straight patent leather worn with the striped linen morning frock, although made of one piece, is also an outlined belt and fastened with a square leather covered buckle.

Now, the French woman oversteps the mark when she wears her beloved shiny belt with the fitted foulard gown of princess cut, but to her the girdle seems an irresistible accessory. Parisians always feel privileged to perform remarkable feats in fashion making, but fortunately the sensible American is given to adaptations. She will, in all probability, wear the extreme patent leather, but instinctively with gowns made for it; with models having a blouse and skirt and a distinct waist line. The leather belt is at its best worn with a turnover collar and a four-in-hand or with a Puritan collar and Windsor tie.

IN DECORATING THE HOUSE

Several Simple But Most Important Principles Which Should Be Understood.

There are a few principles, simple but most important, which should be understood by every woman who sets out to be her own interior decorator. Do not hang curtains of one color against a wallpaper of another.

If possible to avoid do not put different papers on the walls of rooms which adjoin, with wide archways or folding doors between.

If it is necessary, the character of the rooms, to have slightly different kinds of paper, let them be as near alike as possible in color. The design does not make so much difference.

Do not join carpets of opposite colors.

When it is not possible to have carpets alike in rooms joined by wide openings, a rug should be laid over the seam to hide it.

Oriental rugs, beautiful as they are, should be used with discretion. In a small, many-colored room they are likely to "howl" at each other.

They are very good when used to light up a one-tone room.

TUSSAH SILK WAIST.



Blouse of tussah silk trimmed in an original way with fagoted bands of the same material. The jabot is of the silk and lace.

The sleeves, trimmed to correspond, have a tucked strap of the silk on the outside, finished with the lace.

Use Twisted Cotton.

Some women waste their time in feather-stitching dainty garments with embroidery thread. The embroidery thread being soft, when the garment is laundered it is pressed into the material and loses its individuality. Twisted cotton, which comes by the ball in various numbers, and which is sometimes used for crocheting, is the most satisfactory thread with which to do this dainty work.

Remedy for Burns.

A simple remedy for burns is made by adding to a cupful of olive oil a teaspoonful of carbolic acid. Apply bandage soaked in the mixture.

SEARS HAPPY AS FARMER

Former Head of Mail-Order House, Who Retired with \$25,000,000, Works in Fields.

Chicago.—Richard W. Sears, who has retired from business with \$25,000,000 made in 17 years, took charge of the threshing at his farm at Gray's Lake, Ill., the other day.

At five p. m. the man whose financial career would have been meteoric had it not been for his quiet way of doing things was out in the fields supervising the work that the 20 men who came an hour later were to accomplish before sundown. Wearing overalls and wide-brimmed straw hat, as if he were accustomed to them, Mr. Sears surveyed his model farm as if it were the only interest he had in life. He refused to turn from it and



Richard W. Sears.

look backward over the 17 years that have elapsed since he left his post as telegraph operator in Redwood Falls, Minn., to start the mail-order business that has grown into the greatest in the world.

"I'm awfully busy," he declared. "I have to look after the threshers and get this work done to-day. I haven't any time to talk about myself. Never did have," he added, with a merry twinkle of his eye.

"Farmer" Sears, who has announced that he intends to devote the rest of his time to his family and his farm, is only 45 years old. He was a telegraph operator of a wayside station when an eastern watch manufacturer sent him a watch with the privilege of returning it if he could not sell it. He found that he could sell that watch and many more. So large did the watch trade he established become that he resigned his position and went to Minneapolis.

Two years later he came to Chicago and began the business career that ended recently with the sale of his stock in Sears, Roebuck & Co., to a New York syndicate and his retirement with great wealth.

Mr. Sears' family is enjoying the farm life as much as the head of the house. His four children—two boys and two girls—have been reared in rural domesticity and say they want to be farmers too.

HALL OF CHRIST IS UNIQUE

Aula Christi at Chautauqua, N. Y., Only Building of its Kind in the World.

Chautauqua, N. Y.—The dedication of the Aula Christi or Hall of Christ—the only building of its kind in the world, took place recently in this city. The one who first proposed the idea 16 years ago, Bishop John H. Vincent, gave the dedication address.

This new building to be devoted exclusively to the study of Christ, was erected at a cost of about \$40,000. The largest single contributions to its erection were \$10,000 from the Massey estate in Toronto; \$5,000 from Miss Helen Gould and \$3,000 from the estate of N. T. Arnold. The last \$12,000 for its completion was given by Chautauqua at a single meeting last year. The building is constructed of white Roman brick, stone, steel and white terra cotta. The windows are all of historic significance presenting in chronological order events in the life of Christ.

All the books which have been written upon the life of Christ, including a very large library dealing with the interpretations of Christ, and Christ in ethics, in social science and in



Aula Christi, or Hall of Christ.

modern civilization, are soon to be collected in one room of this hall. In another room will be collected and placed in easily accessible files copies of all the engravings or other pictures of Christ which the art of ages has brought within reach. In charge of the library and engravings will be a curator. A beautiful main audience room will be used exclusively for appropriate meetings. Already these meetings are being held in the new building. Later courses in study are to be inaugurated in the life, words and deeds of Christ and in the results of his teachings. These courses are to be conducted for both old and young. A special service is to be held in this building at least once a month throughout the entire year.

THE ONLOOKER

WILBUR D. NESBIT.

What was the deed Of which they chatter As gossip feed On some small matter Each August they Seem to remember And fuss away All through September.

"She did!" says one; "Did not!" another. And thus began They try to smother Each other's cries By louder calling Until the sides Repeat their bawling.

Was it a sin, Or error weighty, That came within The life of Katy? One lifts his voice Just to attack her And ten rejoice Right then to back her.

And all their tones Get in a tangle; One side condones, The others wrangle. We know her name, And thus her gender— But what's the claim Of her defender?

Know what she was? Know what she wasn't? One shudder does, The other doesn't. Poor Katy! It Still seems a tossup, But you're a bit Of yearly gossip.

Balloon Racing.

The racing of balloons is becoming one of the most popular outdoor sports, and we have hopes that it will be many years before any one invents an indoor variety of the game.

Exciting and exciting to the extreme, the balloon race has caught the fancy of the public. The anchors have also caught several yearling shoots, barn roofs, stake-and-rider fences—and one of them caught a hired man asleep in a hay field in southern Indiana and yanked him aloft so suddenly that he thought it was judgment day and confessed to a great many things that had been blamed on other people, before he realized his error.

The modus operandi of a balloon race is to assemble the contesting balloons in a flock and fill them with gas. At a given signal the ropes are cut and the great bags rise and dash madly hither and yon in their efforts to win. Each balloon is manned by a captain and a pilot. All the captain and pilot have to do is to furnish their pictures to the newspapers and walk home after the balloon comes down, unless they carry railroad fare with them. A captain trying to command a balloon or a pilot trying to pilot it has about as much chance of success as you or I, gentle reader, when we endeavor to convince a hen that she does not want to set.

After the balloons start in the race they go in all directions. That is the great charm of the sport. Nobody knows where a balloon will go. It is as irresponsible as a thistle-down. Two or three hours after the start one of the balloons comes down on the Baptist church in the next county seat, and after the captain has detached himself from the spire he explains that he could have stayed up for a week but that the gas leaked or he couldn't find the right current of air. That is one annoyance in the sport. A captain will go up and hunt everywhere for the right current and not be able to lay his hand on it, although he could have sworn it was right where he thought it should be.

The other balloons drop from time to time in widely separated sections of the country, speeding in their mad flight with all the abandon of a bunch of empty barrels rolling downhill. The last balloon to come down wins the race; the captain and pilot walk to the nearest town and wire home for money.

Already the sporting blood of the country is being warmed. Soon the thoroughbred balloon will appear, and gentlemen farmers will have their balloon stables. Old balloons that have taken purses in many a contest will be rewarded by being turned out to air for the rest of their lives.

The gas companies are very enthusiastic over the sport.

OLD MAN GIDDLES OBSERVES.

Love is blind, but jealousy uses a reflecting telescope.

A good many of us have ambition and don't know what to do with it.

A man can be a weather prophet, but no man cares to guess on women's fashions.

No matter how many mistakes some men make, they always have a good excuse ready beforehand.

Business Opportunity.

The light of the eight moons of Jupiter is so strong that at night it would be possible to read print anywhere on that planet. So far as known, there are no printing offices on Jupiter. It thus offers a fine opening for an ambitious young man.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

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MISS IT.



Aunt—Well, Johnny, I suppose you had a nice sojourn in the country?" Johnny—Um, well, I had lots of nice apples an' peaches an' watermelons an' things, but I guess them sojourn things wasn't ripe yet.

A New One About Napoleon. A "new" story about Napoleon is necessarily doubtful: the probability is that it is simply so old that it has been forgotten. However, here is one that Arthur M. Chuquet prints in L'Opinion as never before published. It relates to Napoleon and Blucher.

The emperor received the general at the castle of Finkenstein, while he was preparing for the siege of Danzig. He drew him to a window in an upper story and paid him compliments on his military gifts, and Blucher, going away delighted, described the interview to his aide-de-camp. "What a chance you missed!" exclaimed the latter.

"You might have changed the whole course of history."

"How?"

"Why, you might have thrown him out of the window."

"Confound it!" replied Blucher. "So I might! If only I had thought of it."

—New York Evening Post.

From Overhead.

A canary hung directly over the big square table in the Hungarian restaurant.

"Once," said a woman who was dining there, "the bottom dropped out of the cage, the bird flew at the orchestra yonder, and we had bird seed in our soup. It was awful."

"That reminds me," said the cross-eyed man, "of one time when we were having a little game of poker on the B. & O. You know how those trains roll. Well, just about the middle of the game down came all the grips and dress suit cases straight into the kitty and broke up the game. Money flew everywhere. We got so mixed we couldn't tell which had won or where the money was that whoever had won it won. Talk about bird seed!"

The board of agriculture, industry and commerce has been granted leave to establish a factory to manufacture authentic weights and measures for uniform use throughout the empire of China.

THE DOCTOR'S WIFE

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Mr. Rockefeller advises young men to read the "Life of Amos Lawrence," and does not add parenthetically, "if Doctor Elliot includes it in his shelf of books."

Fall Song.

Farewell, mah honey, de summe am gwine,
De peach tree's bahe and de melon vine dyin',
En de 'I folks am toddlin' back to school.
Down in de woods de dry lebes scat-
teh,
En de jay buhd soun's his mounhful call;
But, cheeh up, man, Br'er Possum's gittin' fatter,
En it's hurrah, mah honey, foh de fall.

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